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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL GOY REFERENCE TO US PRO MEMORIA ON EMIGRE EXTREMIST ACTIVITY

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- 1. SPOKESMAN (VUJOVIC) AT FOREIGN SECRETARIAT PRESS CONFERENCE MARCH 22 READ PREPARED RESPONSE TO SET- UP QUESTION ON WHETHER US REPLY TO YUGOSLAV PRO MEMORIA ON EMIGRE EXTREMIST ACTIVITY HAD BEEN RECEIVED. THIS QUESTION DIRECTLY FOLLOWED QUESTION-AND- ANSWER ON CAMP COUNSELOR INTERVIEWS/ VOA (REFTEL). VUJOVIC SAID US REPLY, WHICH HAD BEEN RECEIVED " SOME TIME AGO", (A) CONDEMNS ACTIVITIES OF EMIGRE EXTRMISTS DIRECTED AGAINST INTEGRITY OF SFRY AND ITS DIPLOMATIC- CONSULAR REPRESENTATIVES AND (B) ACCEPTS RESPONSIBILITY OF USG AND EXPRESS DETERMINATION TO SUPPRESS AND PREVENT TERRORIST ACTS ON TERRITORY OF US OR (EMANATING) FROM US.
- 2. YUGOSLAV STATEMENT WENT ON: "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS REPLY AND WITH SOME INITIAL STEPS WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN (I. E., BY US) WE EXPECT THAT RESOLUTE CONCRETE MEASURES WILL NOW BE TAKEN AGAINST TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS AGAINST ALL FORMS OF ORGANIZING AND INCITING ENEMY AND TERRORIST ACTIVITIES AGAINST SFRY".

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- 3. COMMENT: NOTEWORTHY THAT SECRETARIAT'S PRESS SPOKESMEN TREATED SUBJECT OF EMBASSY'S CAMP COUNSELOR INTERVIEWS IN BETWEEN TWO PREPARED PARAGRAPHS ABOUT ANTI- GOY EXTREMIST ACTIVITY, LEAVING IMPRESSION FOR SOME READERS THAT LINKAGE MIGHT EXIST. HOWEVER IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT SECRETARIAT INSERTED THIS QUESTION ABOUT US PRO MEMORIA IN EFFORT TO END ON MODERATELY UP- BEAT NOTE, WITH REFERENCES TO US READINESS TO MEET PROBLEM OF EMIGRE EXTREMISN AND "INITIAL STEPS" ALREADY TAKEN.
- 4. WHILE GOY CHARACTERIZATION OF USG COMMITMENT AS CONVEYED IN OUR PRO MEMORIA MAY NOT WHOLLY ACCORD WITH SUMMARY WE MIGHT GIVE OF OUR RESPONSE, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT THIS GOY CHARACTERIZATION IS NOT DAMAGING AND THAT WE SHOULD NOT RPT NOT, OURSELVES RELEASE TEXT OR SUMMARY OF OUR RESPONSE. IN RESPONSE TO ANY PRESS QUERY HERE WE WOULD PROPOSE MERELY TO SAY THAT OUR PROMEMORIA REPRESENTED JUST ONE ELEMENT IN OUR CONTINUING OFFICIAL DIALOGUE WITH GOY AND THAT IT WOULD SERVE NO USEFUL PURPOSE FOR US TO DISCUSS THE CONTENTS.

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